#### PATENT APPLICATION

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For: GROUP OF NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENTS FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION

OR AIDS AND THE USAGE THEREOF

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

#### MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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